

Weekly Status & Information Report: July 4 - 8, 2011

1. Public Hearing on Request to Modify the Alcoholic Beverage License of *Come to Africa* Restaurant: A public hearing on the applicant's request will be held Monday, July 11, at 7:45 p.m. in the Community Center Auditorium. *Come to Africa* Restaurant is located at 6834 New Hampshire Avenue. It is open daily from mid-afternoon to midnight or 2 a.m., depending on the day. The restaurant has the opportunity to expand into an adjacent space and has requested a modification of the alcoholic beverage license to cover the larger area. Complete information on the applicant's request and the public hearing may be found at:

<http://takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/notices/index.html>. (City Clerk)

2. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of July 11, 2011:

- City Council meeting, Monday, July 11, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- Facade Advisory Board meeting, Tuesday, July 12, 7 p.m. in the Rose Room
- Takoma Junction Task Force meeting, Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room
- Takoma Park Board of Elections meeting, Wednesday, July 13, 7 p.m. in the Third Floor Council Conference Room
- Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, Thursday, July 14, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact jessiec@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. (City Clerk)

3. No Boundaries (Ward 6): A full room participated in County Councilmember Valerie Ervin's Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan No Boundaries forum this morning, discussing a variety of projects. Pictures of the gathering are available online: <http://www.facebook.com/TheNewAve>. (Housing and Community Development)

4. Design Guidelines - Meeting Thursday, July 14! (Ward 6): M-NCPPC Planning staff have released their draft of the proposed design guidelines for the area encompassed by the Takoma Langley Sector Plan. View Planning Board staff draft guidelines: <http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2011/agenda20110630e.html>. View Planning Board discussion: http://mncppc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=746 (at approximately 1:27:20). Planning Board staff has selected July 14 as a date for a community discussion of the draft guidelines. (Housing and Community Development)

5. Takoma Langley Sector Plan Council Review (Ward 6): The next PHED committee meeting on the Takoma Langley Sector Plan is scheduled for July 21 (<http://www.thenewave.com/development/visions-and-plans/tlc-sector-plan-county-council-review>). (Housing and Community Development)

6. Commercial/Residential Zones (Ward 2 and 6): The next meeting will be Monday, July 11. Staff will be reiterating the City's interest in fostering small property redevelopment. (Housing and Community Development)

7. Camp Takoma Took Flight with Space Week: Participants made outer space glasses, had a shuttle launch, played robot command, and went on a solar system search to find as many planets as possible. Diane Macklin mesmerized campers with her amazing stories of space and stars. We ventured out to the Air and Space Museum in D.C., and saw a show in the planetarium. At MLK Outdoor Pool, the campers played a great game of "marco polo" from outer space. Finally, to complete the mission, we watched the Space Shuttle Atlantis take the last flight NASA will ever have from Cape Canaveral. Camp Takoma sets sail next week with Pirate Week. (Recreation)

8. Camp Recess Had Another Great Week! The second week of Camp Recess was an absolute success and fun for everyone. Highlights included swimming, an exciting Kickball game, and staff vs. the kids in a game of Pictionary. Another innovative arts and crafts project was presented by the Takoma Park Library and the Friends of Takoma Park Library led by Karen MacPherson. Special thank you to the Capitol Community Soccer Club for sponsoring the camp's ending cookout. Stay tuned for more fun! (Recreation)

9. Free Zumba Demonstration at the Recreation Center: On Wednesday, July 6, Takoma Park Recreation Center had another "FREE" Zumba Demonstration that was led by Victorine Clark. It was an active and fun evening for all 25 participants. (Recreation)

10. T-Ball League Games Will Resume This Weekend: Games will resume this Saturday, July 9. Game schedules for the entire league can be viewed online at: www.allprosoftware.net/TPRD_2011_Tball_League. (Recreation)

11. Y.E.S. League- Community Event: With over 100 spectators each week, the Takoma Park Y.E.S. League has become the place to be on Tuesday (Middle School Division) and Thursday (High School Division) nights. Players are competing each night and the community is excited to see the action. All games take place at Piney Branch Gym (7510 Maple Avenue) from 6:00 -9:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact Lew McAllister at (301) 891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

12. Teens On The Move: This week, teens - ages 13 to 16 - enjoyed a week of fun with the Takoma Park Recreation Department as they participated in numerous activities engaging them in sports, swimming, rollerskating and a fishing trip to Black Hill Park. Teens On the Move will continue next week with a career development workshop from the NASA space center, community service at Wider Circle and three fun filled trips. Parents can pay as they go for individual activities. Space is limited but still available. For more information, contact Faye Wright at 301 891-7283, or by email at Fayew@takomagov.org. (*Recreation*)

13. Traveling Players Ensemble: Join us for a special presentation by the Traveling Players Ensemble on Thursday July 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center Auditorium. Returning for the third year in a row, this talented group of middle schoolers will perform a special adaptation of The forced Marriage by Moliere. It is a comedy, appropriate for kids ages 6 and up and their families. The Traveling Players Ensemble has been praised as a little-known summer gem for the budding actor, by the Washington Post. Selected as a Summer School in the Arts by the NEA, they boast 150 performances, including the Kennedy Centers Millennium Stage and Colonial Williamsburg. All are welcome to attend this free performance. (*Library*)

14. Bedtime Story Hour: Usually held the first Monday of the month, this month it will be held this coming Monday, July 11, at 7:00 pm. Appropriate for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups. Come in your pjs and bring your favorite stuffed toy. Ms. Karen will lead participants in songs and rhymes. (*Library*)

15. Officers in Meetings:

- On July 4 and 5, Chief Ricucci and staff worked the parade and the fireworks.
- On July 6 and 7, Chief Ricucci interviewed candidates for the vacant police officer position. A conditional offer will be made. The Chief also attended negotiations with Local 400. (*Police*)

16. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (July 1-7, 2011) may be viewed online at: <http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/07/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html>. (*Police*)

17. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 157 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, six vehicle impounds, and seven arrests from traffic.

During June 29 July 8, 2011, the following details were completed:

June 29, 2011

- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

June 30, 2011

- East West Highway & Kentland Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation.

July 2, 2011

- Prince Georges Avenue & Elm Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations and warnings.

July 5, 2011

- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued four State citations for speed and 13 other state citations.
- East West Highway & Kentland Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and one warning.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and two warnings.

July 6, 2011

- Jackson Avenue & Flower Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two warnings.

July 7, 2011

- Prince Georges Avenue & Belford Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Prince Georges Avenue & Circle Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- 900 block of East West Highway (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations.
- Flower Avenue & Piney Branch Road (failure to stay right of center) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.

July 8, 2011

- Flower Avenue & Piney Branch Road (failure to stay right of center) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation and three warnings.
(Police)